MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF PATIENTS ATTENDING THE DISPENSARY FROM THE BOROUGH OF MARYLEBONE FOR 2 YEARS, 1911-12.

Report of Executive Committee.

The year 1914 will live as a year of war—war for freedom from wrong and oppression. This is an absorbing thought. The need of the country at the moment and the efforts to meet that need come before all else. What are sometimes called "peace charities" can wait.

But is a Tuberculosis Dispensary a "peace charity"? Is it not true that important as the work has been it was never of such importance as now?

If the wastage caused by the war cannot be prevented, the wastage caused by Consumption can. Given an efficient organisation the mortality can be reduced and the conditions which make for disease can be removed, and, better still, healthy citizens take the place of that sad crowd of sick and maimed, who hang wearily on to life—too often a burden to themselves and to others.

An efficient organisation includes Tuberculosis Dispensaries, Sanatoria, Open-Air Schools, Farm Colonies and Hospitals for the more advanced cases. Each and all of these Institutions should be linked closely to the Public Health Authority. On that Authority depend movements for the improvement of homes and workshops, for the cleanliness of the streets, and the provision of open spaces.

The St. Marylebone Tuberculosis Dispensary, while practically an arm of the Public Health Service, is under voluntary management, for reasons explained in a previous report.